

REMARKS

The Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e) in connection with the above-identified application, filed concurrently herewith, is noted. In this Petition, Applicants contend that Figs. 1 and 2 as referred to in the specification of the above-identified application as originally filed are not necessary under 35 U.S.C. §113 (first sentence), and thus the above-identified application should be given a filing date of November 6, 2003, when the original application papers were deposited.

By the present amendments, the specification of the above-identified application has been amended to delete reference to Figs. 1 and 2, consistent with the fact that Figs. 1 and 2 were not submitted upon originally filing the above-identified application papers on November 6, 2003, and are not necessary for a complete application in connection with the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter, bringing the specification to be consistent with the fact that no drawing figures were filed with the original application papers on November 6, 2003. Accordingly, entry of the present amendments is clearly proper.

Entry of the present amendments and granting of the concurrently filed Petition, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135

(Case No. 396.43260X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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